

President Bush said, "America's unwillingness to embrace a flawed treaty should not be read by our friends and allies as any abdication of responsibility."

First and foremost, when you look at the Kyoto Treaty, several of the largest polluters on the planet are not willing or able or interested in complying: China being the lead among them.

Somehow we are attacking the President as he embarks on a European trip by suggesting he is allowing the world to become more polluted. To the contrary. Our President suggested that we look at a treaty that is not only verifiable, but is capable of causing some of these problems to subside and start creating a cleaner environment.

These two issues indicated that we need a truth meter around this place because those who would charge our party with abandoning environmental concerns are doing so for political gain and expediency. They are so desperate to control both sides of the aisle, they are willing to lie their way through these processes and procedures in order to point the blame at one party and one President alone.

I think this clearly indicates that, yes, politically popular as the Kyoto Treaty may be in some quarters, the most important job of the President of the United States is to make certain that we can do it and do it affordably.

One of the things in the Kyoto Treaty it suggests is if another country cannot clean up their own act, that they will help pay for another nation to help clean up theirs, which means it transfers the responsibility of payments from one country to another to clean up global pollution.

Mr. Speaker, I want to see cleaner air and cleaner water, and I want our Nation to participate. But I support the President as he endeavors to make it a reasonable, meaningful, comprehensive agreement that includes all parties. Let us not leave the table waiting and wanting with political sound bite and rhetoric. Let us make certain that we send a signal strongly and clearly to the administration that we want to support a treaty, but we do not want it to be one-sided and we do not want the consumers of the United States to foot the egregious bill that will be left because of these types of treaties.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The Chair reminds Members that remarks in debate may not be directed to the other body, and may not include characterizations of the Senate or its actions or its Members.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Charles C. Hobbs, First Baptist Church, Rogersville, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You that You chose to redeem us through Your act of love.

You have blessed us with the opportunity to help others even as we enjoy the blessings of this land.

You have given us intelligence to use the products of Your universe for the benefit of all mankind.

You have given us a spiritual dimension, challenging us to combine opportunity and intelligence to achieve the goals for which You created us.

Deliver us, O God, from the foolishness of spiritual arrogance, which overlooks opportunity, minimizes intelligence, and refuses the benefit of spiritual guidance.

Help us nationally to know that our best days are before us, that our past days can instruct us, and that we must use today to help us become laborers together with God.

In our Lord's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOME TO REVEREND CHARLES C. HOBBS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

(Mr. JENKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome our chaplain for the day and thank him for coming.

Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Charles Hobbs, who is our chaplain for the day,

over a long period of time as a teacher at Carson-Newman College, a Baptist college in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and as a minister in numerous Baptist churches throughout east Tennessee, has influenced literally tens of thousands of lives in a very positive way.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Hobbs for coming here today, for imparting to us his wisdom through this opening prayer, this prayer for this House of Representatives and for this Nation. I certainly want to thank Chaplain Coughlin and the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) for extending this invitation to him.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 11, 2001 at 9:37 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1914.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CENTER FOR RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 313(2)(a) of Public Law 106-554, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Center for Russian Leadership Development:

Mr. AMO HOUGHTON, New York.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COMMISSION TO ENSURE CONSUMER INFORMATION AND CHOICE IN AIRLINE INDUSTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to Section 228(d)(1) of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (Public Law 106-181), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry:

Mr. Gerald J. Roper, Illinois;
Mr. Paul M. Ruden, Virginia.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JAMES V. HANSEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a communication from the Honorable JAMES V. HANSEN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 1, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Second Judicial District Court, Weber County, Utah.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

JAMES V. HANSEN,
Member of Congress.

CHINA SELLING ARMS TO CUBA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, many of us were shocked when we opened the newspaper this morning to read that China is selling arms to Cuba. The Cold War has been over for more than a decade. Very few Communist nations still survive, countries like Cuba, North Korea and Vietnam. Each of these countries continues to oppress its people. For many in these countries there is not enough food to eat, and the freedoms the rest of the world enjoys do not exist.

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Cuba has lost billions of dollars in annual subsidies. Its people are hungry, poor and oppressed. Yet somehow it can afford to buy dangerous weapons from the last big Communist power, China.

What does Cuba need these arms for? Is Fidel Castro planning to return to his old ways of exporting Communist revolution and terrorism? Or does he need these weapons to keep on suppressing the freedoms his people are yearning for?

China should stop selling weapons to Cuba. Cuba should stop buying them from China. Communist leaders should worry about feeding their people before buying weapons to make war. What is next? A Chinese Bay of Pigs missile crisis in Cuba?

THE GOLDEN JACKPOT AWARD

(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is time to award another Golden Jackpot.

Today we have two outstanding nominees. The first nominee is the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which is insisting on giving its senior executives over \$65 million in bonuses at the same time the utility is filing for bankruptcy. That is a pretty good reward for a management team that both helped create the California energy crisis and drove the company into bankruptcy.

Our second nominee is President Bush. President Bush has been faced with a choice on gasoline for California. By granting a waiver which was requested on a bipartisan basis by the delegation, the State requested a waiver on oxygenate requirements in gasoline and the President could have lowered gasoline prices, increased gasoline supplies and ensured that gasoline would cause less air pollution.

Instead, urged on by Archer Daniels Midland and other special interests, the President rejected the waiver. So now California families may face a second energy crisis. We may have gasoline shortages, gasoline prices will go up, and we will not cut air pollution. This was a difficult decision, but this Golden Jackpot award is going to be presented to President Bush.

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON GOOD NEWS CLUB

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing the religious youth group, the Good News Club in Upstate New York, to conduct after-school meetings with children to pray and read the Bible.

The Supreme Court ruled that the Good News Club has every right to enjoy the same privileges as other groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts that take part in the school district's policy of allowing community use of its buildings after class for social, civic and recreational meetings.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, a person of faith and a parent, the fact that it takes the highest court in the land to realize that the concept of separation of church and State does not warrant the blatant disregard of the First Amendment disturbs me. The First Amendment requires the freedom of religion, not the freedom from religion.

In a time of moral deprivation, we should embrace our young people's desires to study religion, not discourage them through actions deemed anti-religious.

UNISEX RESTROOMS, WHAT IS NEXT?

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, last week a girl was crowned prom king in Washington. This week we learn a whole new classification term for men and women: Transgenders. That is right, transgenders. Ohio University has designated 30 restrooms as transgender-type restrooms, able to be used by both men and women at the same time.

They are officially called unisex restrooms. Unbelievable. What is next? Unisex locker rooms with thong/jock support dispensers? How about Maxipad vending machines in locker rooms? Beam me up.

I yield back this higher education business as yet simply getting high.

HONORING COLONEL GARY B. WOOD

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Colonel Gary B. Wood. Colonel Wood currently serves as Vice Commander of the 53d Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, but his journey began in Washington State, my home State.

Colonel Wood was born in Tacoma, Washington. Even as a young boy, he knew that he wanted to be a fighter pilot. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Washington State University and a Master's Degree from Golden Gate University. While in college, he was active in the ROTC and Sigma Nu Fraternity.

His service in the military has taken him all over the United States and the world. From Alabama to Korea and North Carolina and Saudi Arabia, people everywhere have benefited from the kindness and commitment of this 6'4" colonel, who is known primarily as "Tiny."

As a youth football coach or a crisis line volunteer, Colonel Woods' compassion has always shone brightly.

For 30 years, he has dedicated himself to his family, his work and his country. I knew Gary best as a college fraternity brother. He was always well liked by all who knew him, and he set a high standard and a strong example for all underclassmen.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to salute Colonel Gary Wood on his distinguished career. I am proud to call him a friend, and I wish him the very best in his life ahead.

THE SUGAR PROGRAM HELPS PRODUCERS BY HURTING OTHER PEOPLE

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the sugar program, as we know it, is hurting workers. We have farm programs for wheat, corn, cotton and